



FLORIDA ENERGY COMMISSION

J. Sam Bell

J. Sam Bell, appointed to the Florida Energy Commission in 2006, has been a player in the energy industry for forty years. He earned his MBA from the University of Miami, and his Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University. Mr. Bell has extensive experience in managing public and private utilities. He also has held high-level leadership positions in investor-owned utilities, regulated electrical utilities, non-regulated generating companies and municipal electrical systems.

Mr. Bell is experienced with all phases of electric and natural gas system operation. He has experience with conventional power production. He also has been personally instrumental in developing renewable resources such as wind, solar, geothermal, bio-mass, and waste-to-energy facilities.

Mr. Bell co-founded ConServe Energy, an industry conservation and energy-management provider. He also served as the City of Tallahassee's Electric Department director before being promoted to the position of assistant city manager, where he oversaw electric, natural gas, water and sewer, solid waste, and the storm water system. He also has consulted with several energy customers and suppliers, including Tenaska Inc., Solar Reactor Technologies, Bankest Capital, Florida State University, the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Leon County, the Leon County School Board, and the Tallahassee Housing Authority.

Sam is a Registered Professional Engineer (retired), a Fellow in the Florida Engineering Society, and Life member of Beta Gamma Sigma.